

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, January 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Jack MacKeen at 7:01 pm via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Ellen Duggan, Paul Boothroyd, Lee Eyler, Brion Berghaus, John Courville (joined the meeting late) and Ann Gibson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Priscilla Sandberg and Paul Lesage

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Ellen made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16th meeting. The motion was seconded by Ann and approved following discussion to amend the listing of "10 Great Road" to "30 Great Road". Paul made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2nd meeting. The motion was seconded by Ellen and approved.

Paul made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 30th meeting. The motion was seconded by Lee and approved (abstention by Ann who did not attend the meeting).

QUICK UPDATES/STATUS:

Curfew bell project - Jack reported that because of a crack in the display table, the bell is being stored temporarily in a Library office. CPC grant monies have all been spent. Funds from the Ellen Duggan Family Fund have also been utilized for moving the bell.

Historic walking tour brochures - Brion reported that these are ready for pickup from Assabet Valley Vocational High School. Jack will handle invoice payment.

House plaque applications - Ann picked up the completed plaques for Maple Street and Linden Street homeowners and will contact them about delivery.

Fire house whistle/horn - Jack reported on Select Board agenda discussion with acting fire chief Angela Lawless and Dave Griffin of the Historical Society. The Society will accept the whistle/horn and other items from the current station. Paul will share some station history with the fire chief.

38 Great Road - Paul reported that unusual metal pegs used in the construction of the house would be donated to the historical society.

CURRENT ITEMS:

Historically Significant Properties List - The original list of properties, attached to the Demolition Delay Bylaw, as well as potential additions to that list will be reviewed by a working group.

Master Plan Form responses - discussion of verbal answers given to Plan rep at previous meeting.

NEW ITEMS:

Crowe Park/Green Meadow School architect request for comment by MHC - Discussion of historical importance of school (all agreed there is none) and the park (all agreed it has historical significance and a MACRIS entry).

ACTION ITEMS: Ellen will send Crowe Park reference materials to Jack. Jack will draft a letter to the architect saying the Commission has significant concerns that a new school building would encroach upon Crowe Park.

MHC Annual Report for calendar year 2021 - This is due February 11. ACTION ITEM: Jack will check with Megan Zammuto to see if it can be submitted 2/15, following approval of final draft at the next Commission meeting.

MHC Presentation to Select Board March 1 - Jack described this new process that includes a template with 10 PowerPoint slides to be filled in. He said that we would deviate slightly from the format in order to present more fully the accomplishments of the past year. Feedback from members should be sent to Jack. The presentation will be approved at the 2/15 meeting.

MHC Responses to CPC grant applications questions - Various members spoke regarding Marble Farm, MACRIS, the curfew bell, Ice House Landing foundation and the Town records archive project. Jack led discussion about the Marble Farm foundation with a comment that the State database of archeological sites is not a public document. Paul noted that there are two smallpox burial sites from the 1750's in ARNWR under jurisdiction of FEMA that are not on the State database.

MPPF (Mass Preservation Projects Fund) - Discussion on possible projects and requirements for applications. We do not have such projects.

OTHER:

Ellen asked several questions - Should we work harder to find a 5th alternate member for the Commission? Can we work on an historical marker for Amory's Grove? Should we approach Will Doyle, owner of The Sanctuary, about creating a preservation restriction for the building that insures that the Hooper bell in the belfry becomes town-owned if the building is sold? Jack said that the Commission has funds for additional historical markers.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ellen, seconded by Paul and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Next scheduled meeting: February 15, 2022